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SUBJECT: COLLOCATED OPERATING BASE (COB) UPDATE BRIEFING

REF: USNATO 1385

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. FOR USNATO:

A. WE AGREE THAT AN UPDATE BRIEFING TO THE NAC PERMREPS ON COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES IN EUROPE IS APPROPRIATE AND HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE TIMING SUGGESTED REFTEL. MISSION SHOULD PREVIEW THE BRIEFING TO INSURE THAT IT EMPHASIZES
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THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF PROGRESS MADE TO SATISFY COB

REQUIREMENTS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO USE THIS MULTILATERAL FORUM TO SINGLE OUT COUNTRIES WHERE PROGRESS IN OBTAINING COBS HAS BEEN SLOW.

B. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST TO US DEL MC THAT HE CONSIDER TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE USAF BRIEFING TEAM TO UPDATE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF COBS.

2. FOR CINCUSAFE: PLEASE CABLE TEXT OF PROPOSED BRIEFING ALONG WITH UPDATE ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR COBS IN SOUTHERN REGION.

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